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Focus on future after hall arson

THE owner of the burnt-down Chilford Hall has said she can now "look to the future" after two Haverhill men were convicted for the arson attack which caused £4.5 million damage and gutted several historic buildings.

Fiona Alper, who has owned the 400-year-old site in Linton since the death of her husband Sam in 2002, is keen to get the venue back on its feet as soon as possible and believes the future will be bright.

She said: "We will rise out of the ashes and it must be onward and upward from here. We now have a blank canvas on which to provide something really special."

Ideas are already being drawn up for the new permanent venue, which is likely to include more craft companies as well as the banqueting and conferencing facilities.

Mrs Alper said the biggest loss for her in the blaze was her husband's art, and that the new structure should be interesting and creative to continue what he had started.

In the meantime, the Alper

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family will erect a state-of-the-art semi-permanent marquee to be used from mid-March onwards until the barns which were razed in June's blaze can be properly replaced.

The new marquee – to be used to host weddings and conferences – will be hard-sided with glass windows, wooden flooring and carpet, and will be available all year round.

It will have a capacity for 250 people, with a reception space which leads to a main dining area. The bistro, winery and vineyards remain intact.

Mrs Alper said she was grateful a line could be drawn under the saga after Mark Hall was found guilty of arson following a two-week trial at Cambridge Crown Court last month.

The same charge had previously been admitted by his co-defendant, Thomas Richardson, who was sacked from Chilford Hall in 2009 for stealing and drinking on the job.

The pair, both 28 and from Pipers Close, were cleared of the more serious charge of arson with intent to endanger life.

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WE'VE had some wonderful moments in Haverhill in 2012. For me the highlight was seeing the vast, cheering crowds greet the Olympic torch, as we all got to see a little bit of Olympic gold.

We've had Jubilee parties, Royal visits and the first ground dug on the new research park, which will help keep Haverhill moving forward.

It hasn't all been plain sailing. The local town came together to campaign for better healthcare for Haverhill when the Crown was closed and we must keep up the fight in the new year.

And throughout I've been focused on jobs, especially for young people leaving school or college.

Thankfully, unemployment in Haverhill is below the national

New Year message from Matthew Hancock MP

average and coming down, and the local business community is engaged in trying to do more and create more jobs for local people to take up.

One of the highlights of my year was holding my first Jobs Fair in the town.

The response and the attitude of more than 200 people who turned up on the day was very encouraging, as was the enormous enthusiasm of the exhibitors.

If the Jobs Fair proved anything it was that there are many

passionate local people, councillors and employers with the same goal – which is why I know we can succeed.

I will also keep pushing to help people with the cost of living.

We all know that fuel prices are high and that Haverhill has often suffered from even higher prices at the pump than other places nearby, so the news that the Government has scrapped a fuel duty rise of 3p is very welcome.

I hope yet more can be done to help with the cost of living next year.

I wish everyone in West Suffolk a very happy New Year.

Representing you is an honour and very enjoyable too, and I am looking forward to continuing to do so in 2013.



Looking forward: Matthew Hancock, MP.

Appeal over stolen drugs

PRESCRIPTION drugs and medical equipment were snatched from a parked vehicle. Offenders broke into a car in the Burton End area of Haverhill on Saturday morning and stole a fluorescent yellow bag containing morphine, diazepam and cardiac drugs as well as needles and clothing belonging to the ambulance service. Most of the equipment was found later that day beneath an underpass on Greenfields Way but the bag and its contents are still missing.

Police would like to speak to anyone with information on the location of the bag and warned the drugs could cause serious harm if ingested.

Anyone with information should call police 101.

Group offers Olympic dream to young stars

SPORTING stars of the future are being invited to apply for funding to make their dreams come true.

Young Olympic hopefuls living in Havebury Housing Partnership homes are being given the chance to get their hands on a share of £3,000 funding to help with the costs of training – including gym membership and travel costs, for example.

The funding is being put up as part of the Sporting Potential Scheme launched by the not-for-profit housing association, in partnership with Abbeycroft

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Leisure.

Ellie Darling, Havebury's resident involvement adviser, said: "We were all so enthralled by the fantastic achievements of the athletes at the Olympics and Paralympics this summer. They are such an inspiration to us all and it's so important that the legacy of their Games continues for future generations in St Edmundsbury."

Havebury said it wants to help young people with sporting potential to maximise their talents and Abbeycroft

Leisure has sporting ambassadors who can give the successful applicants advice and support.

Michelle Banfield-Curran, Abbeycroft's partnership manager, said: "We are delighted to support Havebury's Sporting Potential Scheme.

"The London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics was an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience for all who competed and watched.

"We know from Abbeycroft's sporting ambassadors that the training needed to compete at regional, national and international level can put huge pressure on finances at home at

a time when athletes need to be focusing on their sport. This scheme offers the opportunity for people who may be a future sporting star to fulfil their potential."

Budding gold medallists can apply to the scheme themselves or they can be put forward by others. They can represent any sport and be at any stage in their sporting career but must live in a Havebury home and be aged 18 or under.

Entries must be received by Friday, January 11 and the winner will be announced on February 1. To apply, visit www.havebury.com or call Ellie Darling on 0300 3300900.

Team gives support in bid to help smokers quit

SMOKERS in Haverhill who pledge to quit the habit for the New Year will be given free support.

Live Well Suffolk has launched a new campaign to help with New Year resolutions and aim to surpass their achievement in 2012 when more than 4,000 smokers quit the habit.

Tim Roberts, director of Live Well Suffolk, said: "We are working hard to support all of those smokers in Suffolk who are struggling to stop and we want to increase the numbers of people we help this year.

"You are four times more likely to succeed with our help than if you go it alone, so we encourage anyone who is thinking of quitting to get in

touch."

Participants in the Live Well Suffolk programme are eligible for more than £100 of free nicotine medication or other medication.

Sessions will take place at Tesco's café, Cangle Road, every Monday from 4pm to 5pm and again from 5pm to 6pm, and at David Holland Pharmacy, Norton Road, every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm.

Alternatively, Christmas Maltings in Camps Road will host a drop-in every Friday from 10am to 2pm.

For more information or to register for a one-to-one appointment, call (01473) 229291 or visit www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk.



Stub it out! Nisa Heys from Live Well Suffolk launching the new stop smoking campaign.

Fire crews tipped off over bid to burn down historic hall

■ From Page 1

The seven men and five women who made up the jury reached a unanimous verdict after more than five hours of deliberations. In doing so they rejected claims that Hall should have been found guilty of a lighter charge of simple arson because he had played a lesser role.

In the lead-up to the blaze on June 13 last year – which resulted in the destruction of historic barns and the pavilion while Mrs Alper slept in the main house nearby – Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue received a call from Richardsons then partner, Sally Ketteridge, claiming the two friends had threatened to burn down Chilford Hall and were heading over in a black Honda.

Officers spotted them driving out of the grounds and the pair were arrested in Haverhill. The Honda was seized and police found bin bags containing several bottles of empty spirits and white tissue soaked in alcohol in the car.

Richardson had said he had only wanted to steal alcohol from the property and did not know Mrs Alper was nearby. But Hall said he had been bullied and threatened into accompanying Richardson and his attempts to put out the fire failed.

Judge Gareth Hawkesworth on hearing the verdict told the defendants: "In the case of you Mr Hall, you have been found guilty by this jury of an extremely grave offence and Mr Richardson you had already pleaded guilty to that matter.

"You must expect a substantial custodial sentence."

The court ordered psychological and pre-sentence reports for both men ahead of the sentencing date on February 8.

Mrs Alper added: "My overriding feeling about Mr Richardson and Mr Hall is of sadness, not anger. One of the things I learned from my husband is that anger is a wasted emotion."

Det Con Tracey Griffin of Cambridgeshire police was part of the investigating team after the blaze.

She said: "The fire not only put officers and fire officers in danger but has also had a detrimental effect on the local community and local businesses."

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Honoured: Muriel Healey cutting the ribbon at the opening of the Havebury Tenants Forum.



On list: Keith Haisman receives a BEM, as does Leslie Ager, top. CP

Stalwarts honoured for lives of devotion

DEDICATED individuals have been recognised in the New Year Honours list for their tireless work helping others.

A host of well-known community stalwarts in and around Haverhill have been named in the list, which sees British members of the public being recognised for their work, and will be awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) by the Queen in January.

Long-serving conductor Leslie Ager has been honoured for his services to music in the town, where he was born and has lived most of his life.

A keen musician, Leslie played the cornet in the band of the Royal Norfolk Regiment during his national service between 1956 and 1959.

The 74-year-old then joined Haverhill Silver Band in 1953, where he was a conductor for 30 years and he directed 48 shows with the Haverhill Operatic Society as well as working with choirs in Newmarket and Ipswich.

He currently represents Haverhill East on St Edmundsbury Borough Council and the East Ward on Haverhill Town Council.

Les said: "I consider it a great honour but it is all down to the

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people who have supported me, really.

"I am very proud of the musicians who I have worked with who went on to have successful careers and the youth groups we have got going."

Another person to be recognised is Muriel Healey for her services to tenants in Suffolk, as a board member of the Havebury Housing Partnership.

The 92-year-old of Haverhill was shocked when she heard she had been chosen for a BEM.

She said: "I was absolutely bowled over."

"It was a fantastic surprise because I had never thought of anything like that."

The great grandmother explained that she had become involved in the partnership when it was initially set up 10 years ago to provide social housing for those in need, and is one of the longest serving members.

Meanwhile, Keith Haisman has been recognised for services to education as he was instrumental in setting up the

first free school in England – Stour Valley Community School in Clare.

He explained that he and three others put together a 200-page paper proposing the school to Michael Gove, the evening before the general election in 2010, to replace Clare Middle School which was closed by Suffolk County Council.

Mr Haisman, who has worked all over the world, led the group in the project which saw the proposal being approved in January 2011 and opened in September that year.

He said: "It's nice to have the recognition that comes with the British Empire Medal. I hope this gives the school the publicity it deserves."

Charity trustee Robert Clinton has also been honoured for his work with the charity Veterans Aid, where he has held the post of honorary treasurer and trustee for the last six years.

The 71-year-old, who lives in Stradishall, said: "It has been a great privilege to have been associated with Veterans Aid over the last six or so years."

"I am most honoured to receive this award, which I consider is as much for the great team running the charity as it is for myself."

Hunt launched for jogger who accosted girl, 12

A JOGGER has accosted a 12-year-old girl in Haverhill.

The man passed the youngster who was walking her dog in Millfields Way, made an inappropriate comment

to her and then ran off. Police have described him as a slim man in his 30s who had dark brown or greying spiky hair.

They said he was just over 6ft tall and wore a grey sleeveless running

top and matching shorts with red stripes down the sides.

Suffolk Police appealed for any witnesses to the incident which occurred at about 10.40am on Sunday, December 30 to

get in touch. They also want to speak to the jogger.

Call Pc Christian Thomas at Haverhill Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 if you can help.

Summer sale date for new housing

WORK is set to begin on a 60-home housing estate in a village. St Edmundsbury Borough Council's planning committee approved the development in Stoke Road, Clare, which will be built by developer Charles Church.

The first homes are expected to be on sale in the summer.

Andrew Fuller, managing director of Charles Church Anglia, said: "This consent follows comprehensive local consultation and the final designs have incorporated feedback from the community and council."

Bank cards and cash snatched in raid

BURGLARS have stolen cash and bank cards from a Haverhill home. Offenders got into the property in Priory Avenue through a window and also made off with a tan shoulder bag and a purse.

The incident happened between 2am and 4am on Friday, December 28. Call police on 101 with the reference HH/12/2786 with any information.

New course gives skills to jobless

UNEMPLOYED young people can pick up skills on a new course. West Suffolk College has set up the Pathways to Employment programme, aimed at 19 to 24-year-olds who are not in education, employment or training.

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One exciting event already lined up for 2013 is a visit from

snooker legend Steve Davis on January 6. This has been arranged by the World Snooker Roadshow in recognition of the work of club member Tim Squires, who established 'Snookerbility' two years ago. These Tuesday sessions are designed for disadvantaged and disabled youngsters to learn to play the game, and recent beneficiaries have even included a blind person, who now plays with ease.

The club has two snooker tables, a spacious beer garden, five televisions (two with their own Sky boxes) and two bars offering extremely competitive prices on drinks, such as a pint of IPA for £2.35, a pint of Carling for £2.49 and a large house spirit for £1.80.

Steve says: "We always try to keep our prices low, and when you think you'd pay £1 every time you wanted to play pool in most clubs, our 20p fee (or 50p for snooker) on a really decent table is very good."

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Fun times: Haverhill Ex-Servicemen's Club is based on Quakers Lane.

every Saturday, which is usually free, and a host of teams you can join: from snooker to darts.

Over 18s can become club members, and children often visit after school or in the evenings with their parents. There's regular children's

entertainment, with competitions and face painting, free for all children as long as their parents remain on site.

The bar is open from midday, seven days a week, closing at 11pm from Sunday to Thursday, midnight Fridays and at half past

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Pair take on 4,000-mile desert trek

A HAVERHILL duo have set off on a 4,000-mile charity drive across Europe and Africa in a 15-year-old Citroen Saxo.

Mark Muggeridge, 42, managing director of Silver Pigeon courier company, on Haverhill's Deltech Estate, and company driver Dan Bishop, 31, embarked on their mammoth trip on December 27, initially heading to Spain for their official launch party on New Year's Eve.

They managed to raise more than 340 euros at the party before setting off through Europe and are currently travelling across North Africa to Morocco, the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara before they reach their final destination of Dakar, the capital of Senegal. They expect to arrive at the end of the month.

Nathan Hill, supervisor at Silver Pigeon, said: "They left here last Thursday, setting off from Haverhill Snooker and Bowl then travelling through Europe to Spain where they officially set off after a charity launch party.

"They should be on the North Africa coast by now. They had a fault with the car but they managed to get it sorted out and are on their way."

All the money they raise through the trip will go to children's charity Make A Wish Foundation, including funds raised from the auctioning of the car at the end of the trip.

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Route masters:
Dan Bishop, left,
and Mark
Muggeridge who
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Inset, their trusty
Citroen Saxo,
Delilah, which is
taking them on the
4,000-mile
journey.

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Councillors consider supermarket talks

COUNCILLORS could hold meetings in Haverhill supermarkets this summer.

Haverhill Town Council is hoping to approach Tesco and Sainsbury's about whether its members could turn out in their front halls so people can come and speak to them. Councillors have held open-air meetings in Haverhill streets in previous years and will be doing the same in July.

Will Austin, the town clerk, said: "It's very much about getting the council out to the public that it represents. We are always looking for new ideas about how we can do that."

Call the council with your ideas on how it could better engage with residents on (01440) 712858.

Singers wanted for town choral society

BUDDING singers are being invited to do something different in 2013 and join a local choral society. With choirs across the country being put on the map in recent years, Haverhill Choral Society is inviting singers to join existing members on Monday evenings.

The group holds two-hour weekly rehearsals at 7.30pm in the drama studio at Samuel Ward Academy, led by Jane Wright.

Members are preparing for a concert on Saturday, April 27 with music that includes Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, Hubert Parry's *Blest pair of Sirens*, Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*.

Haverhill Choral Society will hold an opening evening for anyone interested in joining on Monday, January 14, at 7.25pm.

Attacker stuck both thumbs in man's eyes

A "REVENGE" attack in which a man pushed his thumbs into his victim's eyes was entirely out of character, a court has heard.

Lewis Cruickshank, of Ash Grove, in Haverhill, punched his victim in the face as the man tried to fight back in Haverhill town centre just after midday on September 20.

Cruickshank, 21, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault causing actual bodily harm when he appeared at Ipswich Crown Court on Wednesday, December 20.

Prosecutor Robert Sadd said the victim had been approached by

Cruickshank, who held out both hands towards his face before pushing a thumb into each of the man's eyes.

As the victim tried to fight back he was punched in the body and face.

Cruickshank walked off and the victim was taken to Addenbrooke's.

He suffered a head wound that needed five stitches, facial bruises and a partially collapsed lung.

The incident appeared to be the result of a previous dispute, Mr Sadd told the court.

Charles Myatt, mitigating, said Cruickshank had no previous convictions.

He also gave Judge Rupert Overbury testimonials from

Cruickshank's family and employer praising his patience, gentleness, maturity and dignified behaviour.

In sentencing Cruickshank, the judge told him that it had been a "vicious" and unprovoked assault, but also accepted that it had been out of character.

Judge Overbury said: "This was a revenge attack. You told the probation service you had had enough of him interfering in your private affairs."

Cruickshank received an 18-month community order and 120 hours of unpaid community work.

He must also pay £500 compensation and £200 prosecution costs.

Football stars in surprise hospice visit

PATIENTS, staff and volunteers at a hospice had a soccer surprise when professional footballers visited.

Four Ipswich Town stars and a former player handed out gifts bought by the team to St Nicholas Hospice Care patients.

Therapy patients were given gifts including fleece blankets and sweets by Michael Chop-

ra, Scott Loach, Josh Carson, Jack Ainsley and ex-player Simon Milton.

Leslie Miller, a patient from Haverhill, said: "I'm overwhelmed. This is my first time at the day centre and I can't believe this has happened."

Patient Janet Johnson, also from Haverhill, and Edna Tamsett, from Sudbury, insisted on kisses and hugs from the

players.

The visitors then signed autographs and programmes for inpatients and, also handed over a calendar signed by the squad, during a visit in December.

Laura Beardsell-Moore, a spokeswoman for the hospice, said: "We were delighted the players gave up their time to visit the hospice and that they

generously spent their own money on gifts.

"Seeing the looks on patients' faces as the players walked in was incredible. Christmas can be tough if you are not feeling well but this visit lifted everybody's spirits."

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Raffle funds going towards pantomime trip

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Thank you also to all the staff, volunteers, parents and children for all their efforts during the Christmas raffle.

The raffle took place on Friday, December 14 at Coupals School and raised £158, which will help towards taking the children on an outing to the pantomime in the new year.

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Ridgewell

TEACHERS and pupils at a primary school joined forces in wearing Christmas jumpers in a fundraising drive.

The school council at Ridgewell Primary School, in Church Lane, Ridgewell, organised the event to raise money for Save the Children with each participant donating £1 to the global charity.

A school spokeswoman said: "A lot of effort went into decorating jumpers by staff and pupils alike and a lot of fun was had."

Weston Colville

In the first round of grants, Weston Colville Cricket Club was offered £3,000 from Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund towards a modular changing room, subject to raising the rest of the money needed. The RAF Wrating Common Memorial was

awarded £948 to repaint the inscription. The trustees of RAF Wrating Common Memorial Trust Fund – Weston Colville Parish Council – are very grateful. The work will be carried out in the summer.

■ South Cambs District Council has passed on a request from the Government that all communities should have an emergency plan. Examples are if cut off by heavy snow, or if power is out for a lengthy time.

Villagers are asked to think if there is any way they could contribute to the plan by offering skills such as first aid, or equipment such as four-wheel-drive vehicles, camping stoves, sleeping bags etc, that might help the village.

If you are happy to be included, contact Bridget Durham on (01233) 290082, or any member of the parish council. In addition, with the winter months now here, be



Charity effort: staff and pupils at Ridgewell Primary School in their special knitwear.

prepared. Keep spare batteries for a torch and radio, have long-life food in the cupboard that can be simply prepared, maybe without electricity, and look in on neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or live alone.

West Wickham

DAISYCHAINS pre-school is delighted to have been awarded a grant for its garden from the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund (via Cambridgeshire Community Foundation) of £500.

Now a reality, this new garden will greatly benefit the learning opportunities for children who attend Daisychains and will enhance the area for all users of the village hall. By the end of March it is hoped to have a vegetable garden, flower garden and a herb garden. Hopefully there will be spring

bulbs blossoming in the bank and bushes and flower beds to brighten up the patio too.

In the summer they plan to make hanging baskets and grow vegetables to sell to make money for pre-school funds. Those who enter the annual garden show had better look out!

Places are available for 2-5 year olds from 9.30am-12.30pm every weekday. They are still very busy getting used to the new curriculum rolled out in September and have covered the topics of 'At the shops' and 'Colours and light'. They have celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival to welcome in their new year, made candleholders and peda, sweets that Hindus make to offer up to their gods at Diwali. The peda were made in the cookery school, a very popular part of the children's week. So far this term they have made banana

rockets, ham and cheese envelopes, dateballs, bread rolls and worm soup!

West Wrating

THE first round of grants from Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund were made at the first meeting of the panel, when over a dozen applications were considered. Requests came from a range of projects, requesting in total over £60,000 of support.

St Andrew's, the parish church of West Wrating, was offered £2,250 to refurbish the church organ, subject to raising the rest of the money needed.

New applications for funding are invited over the coming months for consideration at the next panel meeting in early March. For information on how to apply, visit cambscf.org.uk/wadlow.

Support service to help recovery

RECOVERING addicts will benefit from specialist housing support to help them remain abstinent in the new year.

Genesis Housing Association has been awarded the contract to provide the Supporting Treatment, Accommodation and Recovery in Suffolk service (STARS).

The STARS service is being created by the drug and alcohol action (DAAT) team to provide intensive support for those recovering from substance misuse as well as rented accommodation.

Genesis Housing Association will provide individually tailored support in order to assist people in their recovery from substance misuse, reducing offending behaviour and levels of associated crime.

Recovering addicts will also be

helped to access voluntary work placements and education and training opportunities relevant for future employment and will develop their own recovery plan to live independently.

Cllr Colin Noble, Suffolk County Council's cabinet member for health and adult care, said: "I am very pleased that the county council will be working closely with Genesis Housing Association to provide the STARS service.

"Homelessness or living near to dealers and previous associates will naturally have a detrimental effect on their drive to become abstinent and this service seeks to address this issue.

"Helping these vulnerable members of society become more independent and remain abstinent is vitally important and I am confident that the

STARS service will go a long way to supporting people to make that positive lifestyle change."

Lawrence Santcross, deputy director of supported housing for Genesis, added: "We're delighted that after successfully completing the pilot scheme for Suffolk DAAT, this important work will continue.

"The service provides people with accommodation and we also work with a range of other organisations to provide a tailored package of support.

"That might mean referring someone to training and employment opportunities to help them to get back into work, or it might mean equipping people with valuable skills such as managing their finances.

"We provide people with the tools to live independently and make a positive contribution to their community."

Grant funding to focus on families

GRANTS of up to £5,000 are available in a bid to get young children and their families fit and healthy.

Healthy Ambitions Suffolk is welcoming applications for grant funding from local voluntary community groups and social enterprises working with children under 7 years old and their families. The grant funding is focusing on addressing inequalities in early physical and emotional development and supporting the development of parenting programmes.

Applications forms or information can be obtained from Sue Wright at the Suffolk Foundation on (01473) 786917 or email sue.wright@suffolkfoundation.org.uk or Anne Gartley at Healthy Ambitions Suffolk on (01473) 786678 or email anne.gartley@healthyambitions.suffolk.co.uk. The closing date for application forms is Thursday, January 24.



Crime fight: Tim Passmore, centre, at the launch of Special Constables dedicated to rural crime in Suffolk.



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Crime fight focus on country areas

RURAL communities will see an increased police presence in the new year to combat offenders targeting country areas.

Suffolk Police has strengthened its response to rural crime by creating a new team of Special Constables who will pro-actively patrol rural areas, engage with businesses and communities and work to prevent fly-tipping, hare coursing and metal and fuel thefts.

There will also be a team of dedicated rural crime police officers who will focus its efforts on preventing hare coursing.

The initiative was launched after farmers and residents of local areas met with the Country Land and Business Association in November to highlight the impact of crime on rural businesses.

BY LIZZY BUCHAN

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Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk, said: "Rural crime doesn't always get the media's interest, but it can have a devastating effect on those living and working in our rural and farming communities."

"Suffolk is a relatively small police force covering a large rural county and this brings its own unique challenges."

Mr Passmore added: "I want more visible frontline policing and I am working with the Constabulary to reduce bureaucracy and improve the use of technology to improve police response times in remote areas."

He said everyone in the

countryside had a part to play in combating crime and it was important for the police to co-operate with other organisations in the county.

Assistant Chief Const Tim Newcomb said: "Rural crime is a key area of concern to us.

"Our Safer Neighbourhood and Community Safety Teams already work closely with local communities and have been successful in setting up Farm Watch schemes around the county, which helps people get involved and become the eyes and ears of their local area.

"This campaign will focus on rural issues and the dedicated Rural Crime Officers will complement the existing work of officers in the county."

For more information about how to keep your property safe call police on 101.

Cash snatched

CASH was stolen from an unlocked car while it was parked at a petrol station. The theft happened in Duddery Hill, Haverhill, at about 7.55pm on Sunday, December 23.

The driver of the vehicle was inside the garage paying for fuel when the incident happened. Anyone with information should contact police on 101 quoting reference HH/12/2769 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Motorbike stolen

THIEVES have stolen a motorbike from a Haverhill garage. The black and gold 110CC Pitt bike was taken from Chelmer Road between 5pm on December 9 and 5.30pm the next day.

Rocking horse rides in as charity raffle prize

A HANDCRAFTED rocking horse was won in a raffle which raised £3,300 for charity.

The draw was made for the Scotsdales Christmas raffle with the top prize a traditional rocking horse constructed by Haverhill's Arthur Chapman and donated to the cause.

Alan Mellencip was the winner, while a £100 voucher for the Great Shelford business and a food hamper went to runners-up.

The money will go to the Scotsdales Charitable Foundation, which is raising funds for the David

Rayner Building – home of the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre.

Sam Carlton, operations manager, said: "Arthur is a regular Scotsdales customer and would meet his brother Charlie in the Sunflower café for coffee most Saturday mornings.

"When Charlie died, Arthur set about making the rocking horse to raffle and raise money in his memory.

"It was a wonderful gift and selfless effort, and has been a delight to see in the entrance of Scotsdales for the build-up towards Christmas."

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Teenage ace going for gold

A SIXTH former has qualified to take part in a festival of sport 'down under' this month.

Larissa Sykes, of Samuel Ward Academy, Chalkstone Way, Haverhill, will participate in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney at shooting.

The 16-year-old, who mainly trains in Cambridge but also in Southampton for some sessions, will compete in 50m outdoor target shooting and 10m indoor target shooting.

Larissa started shooting with her father when aged 13, and in June last year she gained the title of English under-21 champion before becoming Welsh under-21 champion in October.

A spokeswoman for the school said: "This is a massive achievement for one so young."

"To qualify, Larissa had to take part in several qualifying rounds over the last year so she could participate in both events."

The festival is funded by the British Olympic Association and will be held



'Massive achievement': Larissa Sykes.

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from January 16 to 20 with 17,000 athletes competing from 30 different countries across 17 different sports.

Larissa is one of 120 British athletes aged between 13 and 19 to be officially selected by Team GB.

The youngster is hoping to take part in future Olympic and Commonwealth Games but is currently on the lookout for a sponsor to help with training costs. Contact the school on (01440) 761511.

Thousands are being inspired

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they have to keep plugging away.

He said: "I am delighted that in Suffolk the number of people participating in sport on a regular basis continues to increase."

Almost 14,000 more over-16s in the county are getting involved in sport on a weekly basis than in 2011, according to data from Sport England.

Credit for the 2.2 per cent increase is being given in part to activities and projects inspired by London 2012 including the Great East Swim, the Ipswich Half-Marathon, the Suffolk Disability Sport Academy and the Inspired Facilities Fund, which saw £500,000 of funding secured for facilities in Suffolk.

John Clough, director of Suffolk Sport, the county sports partnership for Suffolk, said he was pleased with the upsurge but said more than half of adults in the county are not exercising enough and

"We mustn't, however, be complacent as physical inactivity remains high: with over 50 per cent of the adult population currently not doing enough exercise. We must continue to work hard to inspire all sections of our community to realise the many benefits of an active lifestyle."

Meanwhile on the volunteering side, in excess of 3,000 more people in Suffolk have given up their time to

Police not concerned by bad behaviour

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour is not a problem in Haverhill's Railway Walk despite recent complaints.

Insp Peter Ferrie, of the town's safer neighbourhood policing team, said at a public forum held in the Methodist Church last month that anti-social behaviour in the area was not an

ongoing issue for officers.

He described two complaints about a large number of youths moving through the area heading to a party as an isolated instance.

He added police shut the party down on that occasion and moved the youths on.

Slimming chief meets TOWIE star



Star turn: organiser Tania Watson with Mark Wright at the annual Slimming World event.

A SLIMMING group organiser has been recognised for supporting women in Haverhill with their battle against weight loss.

Tania Watson, who received an award for her work at an annual Slimming World celebration, got the chance to meet *The Only Way Is Essex* former star Mark Wright at the event.

She runs weekly groups at The New Croft, Haverhill, every Wednesday and said meeting Mark was the perfect ending to a great year for the Haverhill Slimming World group and the organisation as a whole.

Tania said: "But there's still a lot of work to be done. At this time of year lots of people will be making New Year resolutions and pledging to lose weight."

For more information or to join call Tania on (01440) 706143 or visit www.slimmingworld.com.

Quest to close broadband gap

HOUSEHOLDS in Suffolk will no longer suffer from a "digital divide" after plans for ultrafast broadband took a step forward.

Suffolk County Council has signed a contract with BT under the Government's Broadband Delivery programme, which aims to provide every household and business premises in the county with at least 2 megabits per second (Mbps) by the end of 2015.

The project will use a mixture of public and private funds to deliver the network to more isolated parts of the county, rather than just faster speeds to areas where it is easier to deliver.

Cllr Mark Bee, leader of Suffolk County Council and chair of the Better Broadband for Suffolk programme board, said: "When we launched the Better Broadband for Suffolk campaign, we wanted to ensure that everyone who

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lives and works in our county benefits.

"Improving access to broadband is going to help Suffolk's economy grow by as much as 20 per cent and create up to 5,000 new jobs."

There is acute disparity between urban and rural Suffolk and between Suffolk and the rest of the country, and councillors aim to close those gaps, said Cllr Bee.

He said: "I'm delighted that we've come such a long way in such a short space of time."

"In the new year, the first properties are going to start benefiting from the programme and within three years, broadband access across Suffolk is going to be unrecognisable from what it is today."

Surveyors from Openreach, BT's local network division, will begin looking at locations across the

county in the new year.

Bill Murphy, managing director of NGA and BT Group, said: "This is great news for Suffolk."

"The county is ambitious for economic growth and higher-speed broadband services are crucial for delivering that by helping to retain and grow small businesses, providing access to a global online market for entertainment and business opportunities and creating jobs."

Only 2 per cent of the hardest to reach premises are expected to have speeds lower than 5 Mbps in the next three years.

Mr Murphy said: "Fibre broadband will bring Suffolk's predominantly rural economy into the digital fast lane – revitalising small towns, villages and hamlets by making it possible to start and run a connected business from these locations and in the long term, ensuring local people don't suffer from a digital divide."

Harvey helps funding goal

A TEENAGER from Haverhill has helped his fundraising team collect hundreds of pounds for charity.

Harvey Nickerson was part of Prince's Trust Team 17 – based at West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds – which completed its programme this month. Along with eight other young men and women, the 18-year-old bag-packed at supermarkets, had his legs waxed, sold cakes and took part in a sponsored bike ride, raising £550 over 12 weeks.

Cancer Research UK received £120 and the rest has been allocated to community projects in Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds.



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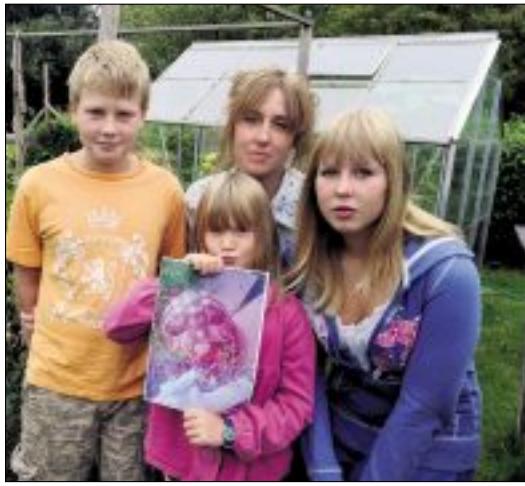
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January: children's author James Mayhew at Kedington Primary School.

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February: Mae Cameron, front, with Charlie, mum Lucy and Eve appealing for help in finding Bugsy.

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March: Ella Richardson with her book.

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April: Little Wonders pre-school celebrate St George's Day.

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Jubilee a highlight

2012 began with high hopes for town centre shoppers. Review of the year by LIZZY BUCHAN

JANUARY

A CARER appeared in court charged with murdering a pensioner in her care. Bunthawee Rimmer, 49, of Castle Lane, was charged with the murder of 77-year-old Paul Norfolk who was found dead at his home on December 30. A post mortem found he died of head injuries.

A mother spoke of her ordeal after her son cracked his skull falling off a climbing frame. Jamie Griffin, 10, suffered a brain bleed after he fell 1.5 metres from a climbing frame at Burton End Primary School in 2009. Suffolk County Council was ordered to pay £43,722 and fined £51,000 after it admitted six breaches of health and safety.

Plans to pedestrianise the High Street by the end of the year were unveiled. Suffolk County Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council joined forces to improve the shopping experience in the town by closing the road between 10am and 4pm on Sunday to Thursday and 6am to 6pm Friday and Saturday. The bottom of Swan Lane would become two-way and a 20mph speed limit would be introduced.

Artist James Mayhew visited pupils at Kedington Primary School and helped them to paint a display of art through the ages. The author of *Katie's Picture Show* led youngsters in trying out different styles from cave painting to Banksy before signing copies of his book for his young fans.

FEBRUARY

A PAIR of bungling burglars made off with electrical equipment worth £7,500 – in a taxi booked in one of their names. Kevin Forrester, 33, and Robert Scullion, 28, pleaded guilty to the thefts from a house in Lordship Lane, Haverhill, at West Suffolk Magistrates' Court.

Heavy snowfall brought the town to a standstill as temperatures plummeted. Schools closed and gritters fought to clear the roads as accidents were widespread.

A senior GP hit out at plans to close out-of-hours centres in the town. Dr Andrew Cornish branded plans to close the Crown Health Centre as "crazy" as out-of-hours provider Harmoni said the level of care would not be reduced. Residents would have to drive as far as Bury St Edmunds to get care if the centre was shut.

An escaped tortoise was returned to its owners after it plodded away in August. Bugsy was found less than half a mile from his owner's home in West Wickham after he became stuck in a wire fence. His owners, the Cameron family, said they had given up hope of ever finding their pet.

MARCH

FIREFIGHTERS battled with leaping flames for more than four days after a waste recycling plant went up in smoke. The Environment Agency began an investigation at the site in Homefield Road. The waste involved was more than 150 tonnes of residual household and commercial waste.

A 13-year-old school girl launched her first book live on television. Ella Richardson, of Hamlet Road, beat 7,000 entrants to win a Daybreak competition with



May: staff and students at Castle Manor Academy and Place Farm Primary Academy celebrate their new status.

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her book *The Bear and the Bees*. She launched the book at Waterstones, in Cambridge, and received a surprise visit from boy band The Wanted, who helped the judge the competition.

A British woman who was held captive by Somali pirates for six months was released. Judith Tebbutt, 56, was taken prisoner at an exclusive resort in Kenya by gunmen who murdered her husband, David, 58, who grew up in Haverhill.

APRIL

A WOMAN said she felt let down after she had to drive her husband to hospital because the ambulance service said his condition was not life-threatening. June Garnett called the emergency services after her husband Chris, 66, was having trouble breathing. June drove her husband 18 miles to Addenbrooke's where he was admitted.

Street lights were switched back on by police following a spate of arson attacks on the Clements estate. Residents complained after Suffolk County Council introduced a new lighting system where the lights were switched off between midnight and 5.30am. Acting Sgt Will Wright, of Haverhill Police, said the county council had agreed to temporarily switch the lights back on after a request from the police.

A heartbroken cat owner spoke of her dismay after her pet was poisoned. Jackie Sharpe, of Mill Hill, took 10-month-old Benson to the vet where she was told he might have been poisoned with anti-freeze. He suffered kidney failure and had to be put down.

Flags and bunting were put out for a street party at Little Wonders Pre-School group. Youngsters celebrated St George's Day with hymns and flag making sessions and they munched their lunch off Union Jack plates.

MAY

ANGRY residents criticised health chiefs for breaking promises about improving clinical facilities at the Crown Health Centre and planning to shut the centre as running costs were too high. The *Weekly News* launched a campaign with MP Matthew Hancock and Haverhill Town Council to fight for better healthcare provision in the town.

Fred Phillips, who received an MBE for providing 50 years of service to village life in Kedington, died in a care home aged 93. Mr Phillips was involved in almost every organisation in the village and acted

as correspondent for the *Weekly News* for more than half a century. He joined Kedington British Legion after serving in the Army for six years and worked as a church warden, a gardener, a lollipop man and a bell ringer.

CRIME figures plummeted, apart from a small spike in January, but police said they were not going to get complacent. There were 251 offences reported to police in Haverhill compared to a three-year average of 295 which is a 15 per cent drop. Insp Peter Ferries said officers were doing a really good job in the town.

Two schools became academies this week and planned to work together in partnership to build a new school on one of the sites. Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College became Castle Manor Academy while the Place Farm Community Primary School became Place Farm Primary Academy.

JUNE

TWO men were charged with starting the fire that destroyed Chilford Hall, in Linton, one of the

region's most popular wedding venues. Staff scrambled to secure marquees so the wedding of Emma Farr and Greg Smith from Cherry Hinton could go ahead.

Jubilee mania swept the county and thousands of people turned out to celebrate at street parties and other jubilee events. Former MP Richard Spring, now Baron Risby of Haverhill, officially named the square off Ehringhausen Way as the Jubilee Plaza.

Angry councillors said a blaze at a derelict middle school could have been avoided. Castle Hill Middle School was destroyed in a fire on June 3 after fire crews battled with flames for more than three hours. Insp Peter Ferrie, of Haverhill Police, had warned that the two abandoned school buildings had become magnets for criminals.

Scouts returned from a trip to find vandals had daubed their hut with graffiti and smashed up valuable equipment. More than 200 scouts, guides and brownies use the hut in Colne Valley Road and leaders spoke of their struggle to raise funds to keep the premises going.



June: Elaine McManus, chairman of the Haverhill Town Twinning Association, welcomes Haverhill Mayor Cllr Pat Hanlon, left, and Mayor of St Edmundsbury Cllr Tim Marks to a Jubilee picnic at East Town Park.

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NEW PLANS, FUNDRAISING AND CAMPAIGNS WERE AMONG THE EVENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

of memorable year

JULY

THOUSANDS lined the streets to watch the Olympic torch be carried through the town. Linton Village College student Issy Gower, 13, carried the torch through her home town after being nominated by her mother for raising £20,000 in memory of her sister Jessica who died of bone cancer aged 14. Paralympian hopeful Caroline Maclean also lifted the torch for a portion of the way.

The mother of an alcoholic who died just before his 30th birthday said his drinking had made him become "a little old man". Dawn Titterington, 51, found her son Matthew dead at home after he suffered a bout of pneumonia. His drinking, which began when he was just 15, left him with irreversible cirrhosis of the liver. Dawn has started to campaign for more support for young alcoholics.

Two-year-old Aiden Thomas took his first steps after returning from a life-changing operation in America. The youngster was born with a form of cerebral palsy called bilateral spastic hemiplegia and his mother Vicki was told he would be in a wheelchair by the time he was a teenager. Donations flooded in after the family set up Aiden's Footsteps, a charity fund to pay for his treatment.

A carer was given a life sentence for the murder of a pensioner in her charge. A judge at Ipswich Crown Court heard Bunthawee Rimmer, 49, of Castle Lane, had hit Paul Norfolk, 77, at least a dozen times in the head with a claw hammer. Rimmer then tried to kill herself. The 77-year-old had left her £340,000 in his will.

AUGUST

PATIENTS wept as the Crown Health Centre closed its doors for the last time. MP Matthew Hancock joined councillors and worried residents for a Day of Action before the centre shut leaving 900 patients without a doctor. Residents will now have to travel to Bury St Edmunds for treatment.

A man who appeared on *Crimewatch* was jailed for a year after staff at two pubs did some detective work. Serial fraudster Scott West, 36, used stolen credit cards to pay for his stays in a number of pubs all over Cambridgeshire. He checked into the Crown pub, in Linton, before disappearing one morning but was



July: Aiden Thomas, who started to walk after an operation in the United States, steps out with his mum Vicki.

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a year "on the run". Carol Outhwaite, of Jaybeth Animal Sanctuary, recognised her pet Baldrick after a campaign run by the police and the *Weekly News* to find the stray terrapin's owner. PCSO found Baldrick wandering down the street in Stradishall on September 5. He hadn't been seen since May 2011.

A man was jailed for three years after police discovered a huge arsenal of weapons hidden in his home. Hand guns, automatic weapons and grenades were seized from the house of Karl Dowling, 48, of Bramble Close. Neighbours were shocked at the discovery and described him as a "friendly and placid bloke".

X Factor judges said a firm no to a Britney Spears impersonator from Haverhill. Lorna Bliss, 33, failed to impress with her raunchy routines on the TV talent show. Clad in lime green underwear and a white fishnet body stocking, Lorna chased a terrified Gary Barlow around the audience and wrapped her legs around Louis Walsh's neck.

OCTOBER

POLICE clamped down on drivers flouting traffic regulations which forbid most people from entering the High Street between 10am and 4pm on weekdays. A total of 80 drivers were turned away during a two hour stint while 93 blue badge holders were allowed in. Concerns were raised at a previous police priority setting meeting that the law was not being upheld by police.

Two old army pals were reunited following an appeal in the *Weekly News*. Michael Barker, 73, and Peter Mayers had not seen each other for 52 years, after they trained together as drivers during their national service and then completed NATO training exercises in Germany. They finally met at Peter's home in Ash Grove, in Haverhill, to reminisce about the past.

An academy earned an 'outstanding' ranking in its first Ofsted

inspection. Samuel Ward Academy, in Chalkestone Way, achieved outstanding in all four categories – staff management, quality of teaching, students' achievements and behaviour and safety.

Lottery hunters poured into the store where Adrian and Gillian Bayford bought their lucky ticket. The couple won a £148m jackpot from EuroMillions in August. Pareesh Patel, owner of Premier convenience store, said their luck had rubbed off on other residents as another buyer had scooped a £50,000 prize in the town.

NOVEMBER

THE town welcomed a royal visitor for a series of special events. Princess Anne arrived at Samuel Ward Academy by helicopter before unveiling three plaques bearing her name. The Princess Royal opened the school's new sports hall as well as Haverhill House, a new hub for public services, and biotech firm Genzyme, which has just celebrated its 30th birthday.

Green youngsters from Kedington Primary School received gold medals from an Olympic rower for saving energy. EDF ambassador Katherine Grainger, who won gold in the coxless double skulls during the games, celebrated the school's success in lowering its carbon footprint.

A churchyard will be turned into a "focal point" for the town after promises to invest thousands of pounds in the project. Haverhill in Bloom has concentrated its efforts on raising funds to renovate St Mary's Churchyard and One Haverhill and St Edmundsbury Borough Council promised £5,000 each for the project.

Complaints were made against a BBC programme that described Haverhill as "isolated" with "unemployment and social problems". Producers were forced to re-record the introduction of *Any Questions* after residents said they were "saddened" by presenter Jonathan Dimbleby's negative portrayal of the town.

DECEMBER

CAMPAIGNERS banded together to fight for safety improvements to the A1307. Representatives from nine parish councils met to discuss the problems with the high casualty road, which has seen three fatalities and 30 reported accidents in the last three years.

A former barman started the fire at Chilford Hall as an act of revenge, a court heard. Thomas Richardson, 27, of Pipers Close was sacked from his job at the popular wedding venue for drinking and stealing and is alleged to have torched the building just before the third anniversary of his sacking. He pleaded not guilty to both counts of arson.

Children got their skates on and stroked real life reindeer at a festive event in the town. Shops stayed open late as families met Father Christmas and enjoyed a firework display, which attracted more than 5,000 people.

Generous shoppers donated more than 1,700kgs of food to a charity food bank over a weekend. Hundreds of tins were collected at Tesco, in Haverhill, as part of the supermarket's largest food collection appeal. The goods went to Haverhill Food Bank for cash-strapped families this Christmas.



August: Adrian Bayford and his wife Gillian scooped a £148m prize from EuroMillions – the second biggest payout ever.

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September: Carol Outhwaite reunited with pet terrapin Baldrick.

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October: old army pals Michael Barker and Peter Mayers.

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November: Katherine Grainger at Kedington Primary School with Ellen Spicer, 9, Morgan Woodward, 8, and Louis Burke, 10.

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Why I gave up my children



Fresh start: for Polly O'Neill.

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Polly O'Neill took the most heartbreaking decision any mother can contemplate 21 years ago. Now she's dedicating herself to helping other women in a similar situation. Interview by EMMA HIGGINBOTHAM

POLLY O'Neill cuts a striking figure. Tall, stylish, and looking far younger than her 48 years, she's a volunteer at the Cambridge Women's Resources Centre, where she helps vulnerable women to turn their lives around.

Yet Polly's own life has been almost unbearably difficult. Crippled by bipolar disorder, 21 years ago she took a heartbreakin

g decision – to put her three young children into care.

"I nearly rang you to cancel," admits Polly, as I arrive. "I was worried about the backlash. There's a lot of prejudice: people can't understand why women would give up their children. But how would they react if they were in my situation? You never know what life's going to throw at you."

Growing up in Huntingdon, Polly had a difficult childhood. "It was tough," she says. "I was crazy, unmanageable, and teachers couldn't cope with me at school. Then, of course, I was a 'naughty child', because there wasn't a diagnosis for anything like bipolar or ADHD. But for me it was like being a prisoner in my own head."

One of Polly's main problems was stealing: she'd steal from her family, from her friends, from shops – anything from chocolate to money: "but I can't really put my finger on why," she says. "Maybe for the attention, or the buzz, or just to see if I could get away with it."

By the time she was 14, the situation reached breaking point, and Polly was put into a care home. The stealing continued and, at 17, she took the dramatic decision to move to Germany, where she met a British soldier stationed there. After a whirlwind romance, they married, both aged just 18.

"I loved him, in my own way, and for me it was security," says Polly. "But he was away all the time, and I didn't really make friends. I felt like I was on my own out there."

Before long, Polly fell pregnant. At first she was delighted: "I thought having a baby would make things better." But three months before her due date, she left her husband for another soldier, and returned to the UK.

The relationship soon broke up, and Polly gave birth to baby Michael alone. "He was gorgeous," she smiles. "He had really blond hair. And I loved him: I was maternal, I was protective, and I did my best for him. But I didn't know how to be a mum. And I found it very difficult coping on my own."

Eventually she asked her husband to take her back: he did, and the following year they had another son, Andrew.

But Polly's manic depression made family life impossible: "I'd shout and scream, smash things, go out and not come back. We used to sit and cry together and say 'what are we going to do?' because it was just this constant battle. There was no way it was going to work – we were just bashing our heads against a brick wall."

When her boys were 3 and 2, Polly again left her husband. She moved back to Cambridge, eventually settling in a village – and that's when things began to get even worse.

At 26, she fell pregnant with her daughter, Lucy: "I wasn't coping with the boys as it was, because of the depression, and I knew when I had Lucy that we were going to go under. I knew it was going to be a disaster for the whole family."

Sadly, she was right. By the time Lucy was 18 months old, Polly had hit rock bottom.

"I'd stay in bed with the curtains closed for weeks. Michael had become the father of the family. He was doing everything: he was looking after Lucy, feeding her, changing her nappies, taking Andrew to school – and looking after me. He was only 7."

"I'd been in touch with social services, but they didn't seem to grasp the seriousness of the problem – they tried to get me to go on art courses! I got to the point where I couldn't cope any more. I'd had enough."

Telling a friend she wanted to spend a week in Germany, Polly asked her to look after her children: "And she said no. So I left them with her 16-year-old son in my house: he was going to look after them while I was away."

"I knew what I was doing. I left him with a bank card, so he could get money, but there was no money in the bank. So I knew he'd contact his mother – and he did. She phoned social

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Precious memories: pictures from the family album show Polly with her daughter Lucy and, above, sons Michael and Andrew.



Norwich with my guitar, a rucksack and my suitcase."

She ended up living with Michael for nearly five years, "and it was brilliant. Obviously we had to deal with some difficult issues, but it helped turn both of our lives around, and gain a relationship – a very strong one. He's amazing, everyone thinks he is."

Meanwhile Lucy, at 15, had found Polly on Facebook: "so although we were still in contact once a year, we started to have a Facebook relationship." When Michael met someone and moved to Manchester, Lucy and Polly took him there: "and we drank Champagne, and I told Michael how proud I was of him. He said 'It's down to you, mum, it's down to you.' And I cried."

Three years ago, Polly came back to Cambridge, and it was here she finally had a relief: "I was angry. Why hadn't I been diagnosed before? I was angry with the whole medical profession, and with myself, because I'd lived for 40-odd years with this horrible, horrible illness, and perhaps things could have been different."

Doctors suggested she should come to the CWRC again, "and they were amazing. They really supported me and helped get me back on track. It's just an amazing place, and I don't know what I'd do without it. They've helped me – and now I'm their event fundraiser, and I support other women as a volunteer."

Earlier this month, Polly organised a large fundraising concert at the Guildhall, and is hoping to set up a group for women, like her, who no longer live with their children: "I just think that if I don't speak out and do something, then what a waste it will all have been."

Today Michael, 27, is thriving in Manchester, and Lucy, 21, is studying for a photography degree in Wales. Sadly none of them are in contact with Andrew, 26, who still lives with his grandmother. "But I'll have him back one day," smiles Polly.

And, she adds, she finally feels settled. "I still have my ups and downs, but that's part of who I am. I'm happy with my life, most of the time, and I love this place."

"But we're desperate for funds. We've got a lot of women here who are at risk of offending, and those who are on probation, and that affects their children."

"If children have been in care, it often rolls onto their family – their children end up in care, as it has with me. So it's stopping that cycle, and they seem to be able to do that here."

"We're determined it's going to stay open. If it closed, what would those women do? What would I do? For me this is, and has always been, a lifeline."

services, and I came back a week later knowing that my children would be in care."

Social services tried to get the family back together, "but it had gone too far. I couldn't be a mum. I was too messed up," says Polly.

"There was a woman at the time, and I often think of her: she drowned herself and her three children. I've still got the newspaper cutting. And I know how she felt. That's how desperate I was."

"I had three choices: I'd kill us all, they'd stay with me and end up really screwed up, or I'd put them into care. I made the right decision."

The children were placed in temporary foster care: eventually Michael lived with foster parents, Lucy was adopted, and Andrew went to live with his paternal grandparents.

"But I never let go. I saw them twice a week for five years: we'd play, or I'd take them out to the park. It was always difficult leaving. Lucy would have her arms stretched out to me every time I walked away, and that was one of the hardest things. But I believed they had a right to know who I was."

Wracked with guilt and grief, Polly became suicidal: "I was grieving the loss of my children, and I phoned so many places trying to get help: I knew I was going under and I didn't want to live. I phoned the Samaritans, I even phoned (bereavement charity) Cruse. But there's nothing out there for women who don't live with their children."

Or so she thought: by chance, the Cambridge Women's Resources Centre (CWRC) had set up a group to support mums in Polly's situation: "and they saved me," she says.

"I came here for a few months, and it helped me get through a really tough time. I don't know what I'd have done without them."

Yet the guilt and the grief continued: "and that's when I started taking heroin," admits Polly. "The heroin made me feel nothing – and I liked it. I liked the way that it took everything away, that I didn't have to feel the hurt and the pain."

Polly took the drug daily for five years, "and then one day I decided to stop. I knew I'd end up in prison or dead." She bought some methadone on the street, then spent two weeks getting herself clean: "It was terrible. Sickness, body cramps... I felt like I was dying, but I knew I'd got to go through it. It was do or die."

Polly then spent some time living in Spain, before her life dramatically changed: hearing that Michael, by now 19, was having a bout of illness, Polly felt she had to go to him, "and I turned up in

● The Cambridge Women's Resources Centre, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, is a not-for-profit charity which helps women to change their lives for the better. It offers support and guidance as well as training: free courses range from maths and IT to upholstery and woodwork.

Key to their work is The Dawn Project, which gives women the opportunity to get together, discuss what's challenging them, and decide on the best changes to make. For more information visit cwrc.org.uk

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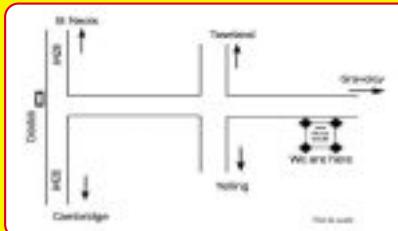
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Food donations in bid to help needy

BY ADAM LUKE

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HUNDREDS of donations have been received by a recruitment company after they decided to support a Haverhill charity during the festive period.

Members of staff at 1st Stop Recruitment, based in Jubilee Walk, Haverhill, were inundated with backing from customers in the run-up to Christmas after they made an appeal for offerings to Haverhill's Foodbank.

A total of 236 items of food were collected from customers, including HID, Winplus Europe, The Bernhard Group, Cadix, Titon, and Level Four Golf.

Meanwhile, Merchant Recycling gave £50 worth of donations and The Design Office gave five bags of donations.

Lesley Whiting, director of 1st Stop Recruitment, said: "We were thrilled with the number of items we have been able to collect in such a short space of time for a local charity which is helping people who have suddenly been put in awful circumstances due to losing a job or having benefits cut



Food selection: members of 1st Stop Recruitment present Henry Wilson, of Haverhill Foodbank, with donations collected from their customers.

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Let me entertain you: Paige Mylchreest from year 11 singing during the awards evening. CP

It's time for rewards and reflections

A HIGH school held its 30th annual awards evening and looked back on the achievements made in 2012.

Samuel Ward Academy, in Chalkstone Way, Haverhill, hosted the glitzy event featuring video clips, reports on each recipient and musical interludes.

More than 140 students received awards, including Jamie Self who won the Sperling Retail Award, Ryan Meyer who won the Herbert Group Award and the Titon Hardware Prize, Taylor Richardson who collected the Styline

Graphics Award, Faye Battye who picked up the Billson Science Award and Victoria Reader who was awarded the Suffolk and Essex Joinery Prize.

Meanwhile, the Principal's Community Award, sponsored by Vion and presented by David Loveday from the company, was received by Will Howe for his outstanding contribution to media, the arts and school life.

Guests included Haverhill's mayor, Cllr Pat Hanlon, and David Triggs, chief executive of The Academies Enterprise Trust.

Jail term suspended for employee's theft

BY ADAM LUKE

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A MAN who stole from his employer so he could afford to live a lavish lifestyle has been handed a community order.

Joseph Dacus, of Westward Deals, Kedington, took more than £28,000 from Cash Converters in Bury St Edmunds between May 16, 2011, and July 27, last year.

On December 21, Ipswich Crown Court heard the 23-year-old had been spending more on taxi fares each day between his home and job than he earned and so turned to theft.

Robert Sadd, prosecuting, said Dacus, who pleaded guilty to theft from an employer, collected a total

of £28,090 by failing to record the true price he obtained for items sold, pocketing the difference.

Mr Sadd added it was inevitable the discrepancy would come to light, leading to his boss confronting him and his subsequent arrest.

Dacus immediately admitted his guilt.

Duncan O'Donnell, mitigating, said prior to the offence his client had moved into a shared house for the first time and had tried to keep pace with the spending of others on socialising and buying items.

He said: "He simply could not afford that lifestyle."

"He is a young man who has stumbled into criminality of this nature without realising the seriousness of what he was doing."

Recorder Christopher Morgan sentenced the defendant to 16 months' imprisonment suspended for two years and ordered him to complete 200 hours of unpaid community work.

He will also attend supervision meetings with the Probation Service for 12 months and take part in a 'thinking skills' programme.

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Horticulture through the ages



by Hannah Stephenson

THE world's top garden designers will be celebrating 100 years of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2013 with a mixture of old and new, demonstrating the glories of the past and the gardens of the future.

Award-winning Chelsea stalwart Roger Platts, who is designing the M&G show garden, Windows Through Time, is aiming to capture the design trends and themes of RHS Chelsea Flower Shows past and present, showing how British garden design has evolved while reflecting many recurring themes that have stood the test of time.

"I believe that the three major reasons driving the development in garden design are ever-changing architecture, climate change and lifestyle changes," says Platts.

"Extremes of weather have tended to kill off some new trends in planting in recent years. It is not long since we were being encouraged to plant drought-



DIGGING IN: Garden design has evolved over the decades due to climate and lifestyle changes, says Roger Platts.

tolerant varieties, only to find them frosted or rotted in cold, wet winters.

"It only takes a couple of years of extreme weather in close succession to

remove gardeners' confidence in certain plants.

"I have always enjoyed growing a wide range of silver-leaved plants but

living on heavy soil and having wetter weather, I am reluctant to risk some of these.

"For the average gardener it will always be best to grow plants tolerant of a wide range of conditions. For the enthusiast they will always be trying to push the boundaries."

Low maintenance and the need for neatness will always be a factor in gardens for the future, he predicts, especially in urban environments.

"The terms 'disease free' and 'easy to grow' and 'uncomplicated' is as much as I can predict for future gardens. It is impossible to know what other factors will dictate how gardens will look in the future."

So, how much have our gardens changed in the last century?

■ Plant pots – in 1913 pots would have been made from clay. This then developed to plastic with a recent trend towards biodegradable materials.

■ Glasshouses – then heating and propagation for glasshouses and growing frames relied on solid fuel and manure. Nowadays, electricity and bio fuels are used.

■ Fertilisers – 100 years ago most fertiliser was organic. Over the years chemicals were developed for use in fertilising. There is now a trend to returning to organic fertilisers.

■ Garden construction materials – then natural timber, stone, clay and iron and aggregates were mainly used. These would generally have been locally sourced. In 2013 we use a very similar range of materials with a few additions,

such as plastics, concrete, stainless steel (invented in 1913) and imported materials such as Indian sandstone.

■ Plants – varieties we grew in 1913 are similar to what we grow now but with a wider range today due to sophisticated plant breeding and selection methods. A century ago most were raised in the ground after propagation, being 'lined out' in the field as young plants, hence the term 'liners', which is still used in the nursery trade for young plants prior to final potting.

■ Lawn mowers – were in their infancy 100 years ago. Technology has resulted in garden machinery becoming more widely affordable. The basic principles of cutting grass using a cylinder mower have changed little over the century. Plastics, battery-powered strimmers and the rotary mower mean that small areas of grass are easier to maintain nowadays. Robotic mowers may be the way forward for lazy gardeners.

■ Today we grow our own food at home more as a hobby than a necessity, whereas 100 years ago before supermarkets, refrigerators and fast transport, food was grown as a basic need.

Platts' 2013 Chelsea garden will embrace both new and traditional garden features, from modern sculpture to planting, threaded with historical shrubs popular in the 1900s.

His flair for planting will be apparent throughout the garden, from wild grasses and meadow flowers to cottage roses and nodding foxgloves.

Sudoku

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■ Last week's solutions

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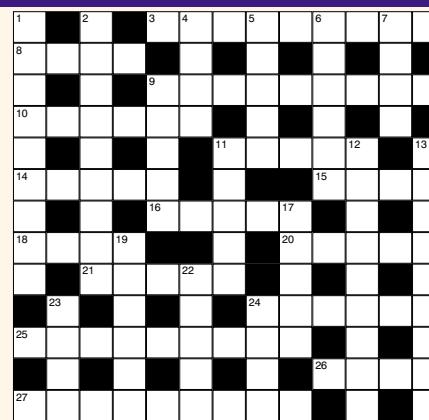
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Crossword

Cryptic clues

Across

- Fail to take an opportunity, we hear – that's bad luck (9)
- One among many returning to work (4)
- Kind of paper that could be blank! (9)
- Old commercial traveller who gets the sack? (6)
- Bird song of little account is heard (5)
- Vague description of furniture cover (5)
- And 24 Down. No precarious perch, politically speaking (4,4)
- Aegean location, one hears, where ships are anchored offshore (5)
- Imposes restrictions on cup matches (4)
- Factory installation put in the garden (5)
- Kind of insect to hold fast (5)
- Either he won't go or he keeps going! (6)
- People's relations (4-5)
- Make an allotment in home territory (4)
- I'm to provide the cue to you, we hear, off the cuff (9)



this will win the toss (5)

11. Expert needed to work

out the code (5)

12. Incapacitated – lay

spread out! (9)

13. Cowboy film addict? (9)

17. They were once assumed

to go round low joints (5)

19. He operates as a fireman (6)

22. The fascination of

Minehead after tea (5)

23. A barrier to economic

prosperity? (4)

24. See 15 Across

Quick clues

Across

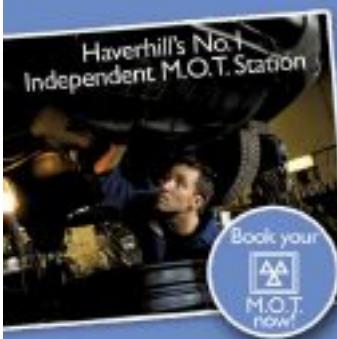
- Repulsive (9)
- Follow (4)
- Competitor (9)
- Look (6)
- Skulk (5)
- Big ship (5)
- Origin (4)
- Tap (5)
- Silk belt (4)
- Thread (5)
- Taut (5)
- Tic (6)
- Catering (9)
- Tramp (4)
- Impecunious (9)

Down

- Make steady (9)
- Insincere (9)
- Nail (4)
- Senior (5)
- Steering gear (6)
- Observe (4)
- Teller (5)
- Strangle (5)
- Contamination (9)
- Support (9)
- Familiar (5)
- Paradise (6)
- Rope fibre (5)
- Incite (4)
- Pitch (4)

Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across: 1 Hide; 3 Asbestos; 8 Rush; 9 Property; 11 Praiseworthy; 13 Permit; 14 Impede; 17 Pantechicon; 20 Trainers; 21 Etui; 22 Tethered; 23 Edge. **Down:** 1 Hornpipe; 2 Despair; 4 Straws; 5 Experiment; 6 Torch; 7 Sty; 10 Assistance; 12 Meantime; 15 Excited; 16 Scarce; 18 Apart; 19 Stet. **Quick clues across:** 1 Dais; 3 Germ-free; 8 Null; 9 Sorcerer; 11 Unchangeable; 13 Catchy; 14 Simper; 17 Co-ordination; 20 Prisoner; 21 Gala; 22 Timidity; 23 Lend. **Down:** 1 Denounce; 2 Illicit; 4 Enough; 5 Mechanical; 6 Rural; 7 Earn; 10 Fatherhood; 12 Drunkard; 15 Private; 16 Direct; 18 Odium; 19 Spot.

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£384,950

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£207,950

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A beautifully presented three bedroom semi-detached house located on the pleasant Hanchett Meadows on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from the addition of a conservatory, single integral garage and a south facing rear garden.

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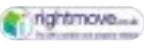


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Horsham Close £146,500

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Double fronted period detached family house offering split level living/dining room, sitting room, study, cellar, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, sun room, four bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite to third bedroom, rear garden, independent driveway



Victoria Road £169,950

Well presented semi-detached family house offering g/f cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite shower room, front & rear gardens, garage en-bloc, g/f c/h & UPVC double glazed windows & doors



Sperling Drive £189,950

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Dovehouse Road £265,000

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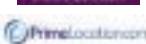


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The Street, Birdbrook £169,950

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Marcus Close £259,995

Well presented detached family home located in a popular residential location offering g/f cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, study, four bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom & en-suite to master, front & rear gardens, garage & driveway. No Onward Chain

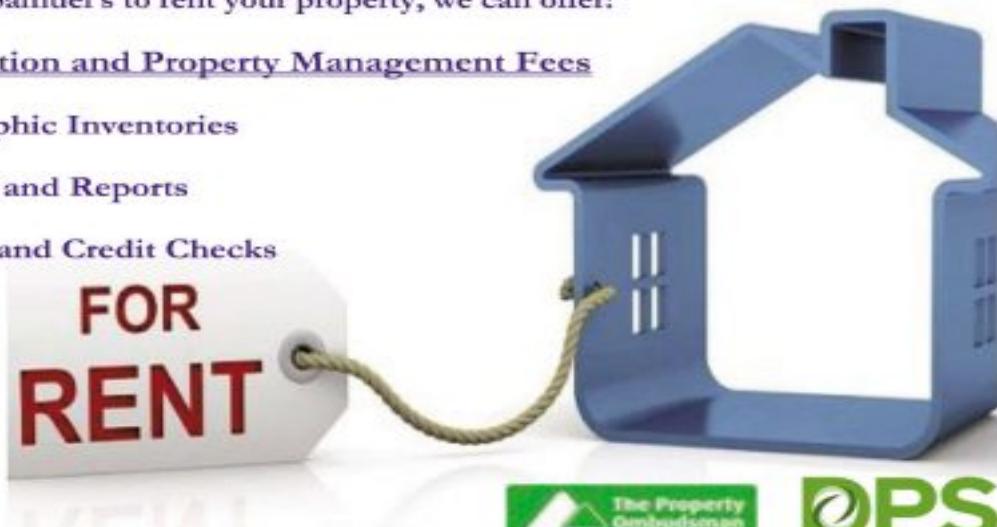


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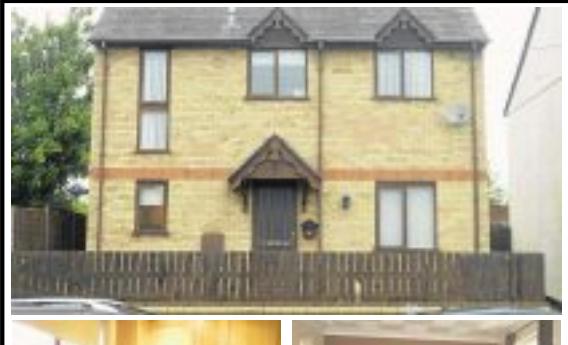
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Burton End

This 2 bedroom detached house offers spacious accommodation along with the benefit of an allocated parking space. Presented to a high standard throughout with re-fitted kitchen and bathroom. Gas central heating.



Chantry Road OIEO £145,000
A substantially improved three bedroom property. Offering re-fitted kitchen, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking and NO ONWARD CHAIN.



Brybank Road £172,000
A three bedroom end of terrace home on the Cambridge side of town, offering well presented accommodation, and benefiting from allocated parking, single garage and en-suite bedroom.



Chapelweld Road OIEO £179,995
Immaculately presented 3/4 bedroom town house on the popular Meadowlands development. The property comes with integral appliances and has spacious accommodation with 3 Double Bedrooms and En-suite to Master Bedroom.



Cramswell Close £235,000

A well presented and spacious 4 bedroom detached property. The property benefits from four good sized bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and double garage and driveway.



Six Mile Bottom £95,000

A well presented 1 bedroom ground floor apartment. The property offers excellent road links to Newmarket, Cambridge and the M11 for London. NO ONWARD CHAIN.



Falcon Close £97,500

Well presented spacious two bedroom first floor flat on the popular Bird Estate. The property must be viewed to appreciate the size of the accommodation.



Crowland Road OIEO £189,995

Modern larger than average 3/4 bed town house close to the town centre. The property benefits from having an integral garage, downstairs shower room, tiered garden and large accommodation throughout. The property is offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN.



Hundon £199,995

Extended 4 bed semi-detached house in Hundon. The property sits on a good sized plot and has potential for further extensions.



Sudbury OIEO £149,995

A beautifully presented and recently renovated two bedroom Victorian cottage close to the town center of Sudbury.



Shetland Road OIEO £289,995

A stunning four bedroom detached house with SEPARATE BUNGALOW ANNEXE located on the popular 'Wilsey' development on the east side of Haverhill, close to East Town Park. Extensive renovation work has been carried out in the property including a conservatory addition and a new kitchen.



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Feltwell Place £695 P.C.M
A much improved 3 bedroom terrace house on the 'Chalkstone' development. The property offers spacious accommodation and a Re-fitted Kitchen.



Mallow Walk £650 P.C.M
3 Bedroom terrace property on the popular Chimswell Estate. The property offers spacious accommodation.



Sorrell Walk £695 PCM
3 Bedroom Property on the popular Chimswell Estate'. The property benefits from having good size back garden.



Eden Road £575 PCM
Well presented 2 bedroom Victorian terrace located in the town centre, close to local amenities. The property offers well proportioned accommodation, with the added benefit of gas fired central heating.



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New Z4: Bring on the spring!

Trying to beat the breathalyser is 'the height of folly', says poll

MEN thinking body size will allow them to beat the morning-after breathalyser is the height of folly, according to a survey.

Tests show that height and weight of drinkers has little or no bearing on their fitness to drive the day after an alcohol-fuelled evening.

Yet 77 per cent of drivers reckon body size is important when it comes to how quickly

the body processes alcohol, a poll from Direct Line car insurance showed.

And 70 per cent believe gender is also a vital factor in determining whether someone is legally fit to drive, said the poll which was also conducted by breathalyser company AlcoSense.

The two organisations joined the Transport Research Laboratory for an experiment.

A man weighing 11st 6lb (73kg) and just under 5ft 10in

(177cm) tall and a woman weighing 9st 6lb (60kg) and 5ft 5in (165cm) were tested after consuming the same amount of alcohol.

Tested the next morning, the woman was well below the permitted alcohol level while the man was over the limit.

The survey also found that 25 per cent of drinkers knock back lots of water before they go to bed, while eight per cent eat large quantities of food after a night's drinking.

Next day, six per cent have a big breakfast and drink lots of coffee before driving.

Simon Henrick of Direct Line said: "Drivers are taking a huge risk if they are relying on rough calculations and unproven theories to see whether they are safe to drive their car the morning after the night before.

"Our study shows that, despite what people may think, there is no magic equation to work out if you are safe to drive the following morning."

BMW unveils latest version of roadster

BMW has revealed a new version of the popular Z4 roadster which will go on sale in March, 2013 – 80 years after the marque first offered such an exciting concept.

Currently BMW's only two seat drop-top to be offered, the BMW Z4 now comes with a new entry-level sDrive18i, while at the same time the Pure Traction Design package boasts a level of sophistication and high specification not seen on a Z4 before.

The new entry-level BMW Z4 sDrive18i engine heralds a new entry point into BMW Z4 ownership. Priced from £27,610 this new derivative uses a de-tuned version of an existing 2.0-litre four-cylinder twin-scroll turbocharged engine.

Producing 156hp at 5,000rpm from its 1,997cc powerplant the car is capable of zero to 62mph in 7.9 seconds before going on to a top speed of 137mph. It manages to do this while still recording 41.5mpg and emissions of just 159g/km.

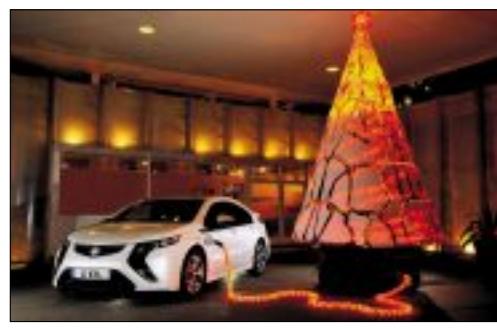
Some of the existing engines have also received enhancements to improve their overall performance. The BMW Z4 sDrive20i

comes with a 184hp engine that achieves 41.5mpg and 159g/km CO₂. The model is the most popular derivative of Z4 currently accounting for 80 per cent of sales.

Further up the range and the four-cylinder twin-scroll turbocharged sDrive28i, and the six-cylinder twin-turbocharged sDrive35i and the sDrive35is offer customers greater performance courtesy of their respective 245hp, 306hp and 340hp power outputs. All cars are rated at an electronically-limited 155mph top speed.

Transmitting the power to the road is a six-speed manual gearbox as standard. Customers can also specify an eight-speed automatic with gear shift paddles located on the steering wheel, while buyers of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is have a seven-speed Double Clutch Transmission, again with gear shift paddles, as standard.

The new BMW Z4 goes on sale March, 2013 with prices starting from £27,610 rising to £45,795.



The Vauxhall Ampera: 30-day satisfaction guarantee.

Ampera: 'Love it or Return it'!

AS the new year begins Vauxhall is spreading a little joy by eliminating the anxiety associated with choosing a new car.

From today, Vauxhall Ampera buyers will benefit from a 30-day satisfaction guarantee, meaning that you can buy it, try it, and if it doesn't suit, simply return it within 30 days, no questions asked –

and even the batteries are included!

The 'Love it or Return it' campaign adds to an array of stress-busting attributes the 2012 European Car of the Year already delivers, such as Zero range anxiety: thanks to its ground breaking propulsion system the Ampera is the only electric car suitable for all journeys. Electricity stored within

the battery powers the wheels for up to 50 miles, this is sufficient for 85 per cent of daily commutes in the UK.

However what really sets the Ampera apart is its on-board range extender (a small petrol engine) which seamlessly engages to generate electricity for longer journeys boosting the range by a further 310 miles.

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Welcome to Qoros, the car trade's new luxury car maker

NEW independent automotive manufacturer, Qoros, has taken the wraps off the GQ3, the first of a family of all-new models designed and developed by an international team of experienced specialists and new, young talent, specifically for markets in China and Europe.

The first model from Qoros, the elegant GQ3 C-segment saloon, introduces design themes and styling features that will define a unique brand identity across the forthcoming



Stylish: The Qoros GQ3.

family of Qoros models. The GQ3 features an elegant exterior, a spacious, feature-packed interior and is engineered to achieve top European and Chinese crash test ratings.

"During the development of the

are highly sophisticated users of technology, and insist on the very best safety standards. As an entirely new brand, we have the advantage of being able to focus our efforts, without compromise or distraction, on meeting the demands of these customers."

Making its world debut at the Geneva International Motor Show (March 7-17), the Qoros GQ3 goes on sale in China in the second half of 2013, with the first cars arriving in Europe later in the year.



Unveiled: The Qoros GQ3 will get its first European showing at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

FLOODED and potholed roads and financial worries notwithstanding, 82 per cent of drivers are happy, according to an AA/Populus survey.

As many as 32 per cent of the 17,883 AA members questioned said they were very happy, with only 1 per cent very unhappy.

Contentment was most apparent among under-25s, with 90 per cent of them happy, while those in north-east England were least likely to say they were very happy.

Asked about day-to-day problems, motorists cited household bills and health as the main worries.

A quarter of respondents said motoring costs were most likely to make them unhappy during any one day, with this percentage rising for those on the lower socio-economic scale.

About 25 per cent also said traffic congestion left them feeling decidedly unhappy, with jams appearing to irritate men more than women.

Men were more worried than women about health and the state of the world while women were more concerned than men about household bills, family rows, problems at work and credit card bills.

In London, 16 per cent said crowded public transport made them unhappy, a figure significantly higher than the national average of 6 per cent.

AA president Edmund King said: "It is reassuring that despite all the doom and gloom of the last year some 82 per cent of people are still happy.

"Hopefully the new year will herald an era of greater happiness for all. A drop in fuel prices and traffic congestion would certainly raise the happiness index for many drivers."

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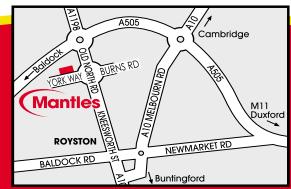
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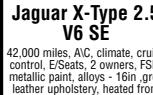
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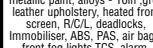
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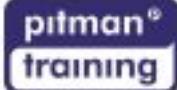
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Funded by the proceeds of the Linton Enterprise Classic event, organised by former club captain Terry Bishop for the past 12 years, the bridge spans a pond and weirs and was officially opened just before Christmas.

A number of volunteers including John Goddard, together with the club's green staff, headed by Glenn Norris, assisted local building contractor Bob Campbell and his workforce.

Haverhill member Paul Loomes completed the finishing

touches by giving up his time free of charge to block-pave the pathway over the bridge.

■ Andy Fish won the IFF Challenge at Haverhill.

Fish scored 37 points to finish one ahead of Dennis Harkness in Division One, with Jason West third on 29.

Steve Piotrowski topped Division Two on 36 points, with Anthony Chaot beating Gavin Taylor to second place on countback, two shots behind the winner.

In Division Three, Graham Hepworth's score of 29 was four points clear of Ken Johnson, who beat Colin Smith to second on countback.



Bridge partners: Pictured at the opening ceremony, from left, are Terry Bishop, John Goddard, Jamie Porth, Len Adams, Craig Sisson, lady captain Doreen Darbey, head greenkeeper Glenn Norris, Gerry Scott and club captain Steve Ward.

» Darts results

Haverhill Charity Winter Darts League

Suffolk Punch 2 White Hart 6

Singles: I Clarke (100x3) bt D Flynn (100), P Cage (100x2, 132) lost to G Flynn (100x6), R Frewer (100x3) bt R Skeggs-Terry (100, 123), A Yates (125, 140) lost to D Russell (100x4, 121).

Pairs: B Marlow (100) & R Frewer (100x2) lost to G Flynn (105, 140) & R Skeggs-Terry (100, 137, 140), I Clarke & S Manning lost to D Russell (100x3) & M Russell.

Triples: A Yates (100), R Frewer & P Cage (105) lost to D Flynn, R Russell & R Skeggs-Terry (100, 180).

Fours: I Clarke (125x2), B Marlow, S Manning & A Yates lost to R Skeggs-Terry (100), D Flynn, M Russell & D Russell (100x2).

Captains' Cup: R Frewer (Punch).

Rose & Crown A 4 ESMC A 4

Singles: M Fitzsimons (100) lost to P Hugill (100x3, 121), A Pordage (100x3, 135) lost to M Suffling (100, 140), A Topper (134) bt S Wells (100x3), D Simpkin (100) lost to S Young (100x4, 121, 125, 140).

Pairs: A Pordage (104) & A Topper bt S Young (100) & D Dickson (140), P Dewing & Simpkin (100, 140) bt M Suffling (100x2) & D Fish.

Triples: A Topper, D Simpkin (100) & A Pordage (125, 123, 140) bt S Wells (100, 121), S Young (100x2) & M Suffling (100).

Fours: P Dewing (100), P Simpkin (100x2), A Pordage & A Topper (100x2) lost to S Dickson (100, 123), M Suffling, P Hugill & S Young (100).

Captains' Cup: S Young (ESMC A).

Rovers (Pirates) 5 Rose & Crown B 3

Singles: M Austin (100, 123) bt B Ellis, J Linnane lost to V Chapman, V Tokley bt G Evans, M Tokley lost to C Chapman (100).

Pairs: M Austin & M Tokley (100) bt G Evans (100) & C Chapman (100), J Linnane & V Tokley (100, 140) bt V Chapman & Kaylor.

Triples: M Tokley, V Tokley & J Linnane lost to B Ellis, G Evans (100) & C Chapman (100).

Fours: V Tokley (100), M Tokley (100), M Austin (100) & J Linnane bt B Ellis, G Taylor, C Chapman (100) & G Evans.

Captains' Cup: G Evans (Rose & Crown B).

White Hart 7 Rovers Pirates 1

Singles: N Wright (100x4, 123, 125, 140) bt V Tokley (100x2), D Flynn (100, 121) bt S Linnane, G Flynn (100, 109, 140, 180) bt M Austin (102, 140), D Russell (100x2, 140) bt M Tokley.

Pairs: N Wright (100, 105, 140) & D Russell (100x3) bt V Tokley (100, 140) & M Tokley.

Triples: M Russell, M Jones & D Russell (100x2, 121) bt S Linnane, V Tokley & M Austin.

Fours: D Russell (100x2), M Jones, M Russell & D Flynn lost to J Linnane, M Tokley, M Austin (100) & V Tokley.

Captains' Cup: D Flynn (White Hart).

ESMC A 7 Punch 1

Singles: S Young (140x2, 161 out) bt A Yates (100), M Suffling (100, 140) bt I Clarke, S Wells (100, 140) bt R Frewer (100), S Dickson (100x2, 116) bt S Manning.

Pairs: M Suffling (100) & P Hugill (100x4) lost to I Clarke & P Cage, D MacPhail & S Young (100x4, 140) bt A Yates (100) & R Frewer (100x4).

Triples: S Dickson, M Suffling (100x2) & D Fish bt P Cage (100), I Clarke (100x2) & S Manning.

Fours: S Dickson (125), S Young, P Hugill & M Suffling (100x3) bt S Manning (135), A Young, P Cage and I Clarke.

Captains' Cup: R Frewer (Punch).

ESMC B 7 Rose & Crown A 1

Singles: J Lewis (100x4, 152 out) bt P Dewing (140), R Watson (100x2, 134, 140x2) bt A Pordage (100x2, 140), W Bloomfield (140, 171) bt M Fitzsimons (140), T Bright (100x3) lost to A Topper (100x2, 125).

Pairs: S Monk (100x2) & J Lewis (140, 180) bt C Dale & A Topper (100x2), L Topper (100) & R Watson (125, 140x2) bt A Pordage (140) & M Fitzsimons.

Triples: T Bright (121), J Lewis (100) & S Monk (100x2, 120, 125) bt P Dewing, A Topper (100, 125) & A Pordage.

Fours: S Monk (125), S Young, P Hugill & M Suffling (100x3) bt S Manning (135), A Young, P Cage and I Clarke.

Captains' Cup: C Dale (Rose & Crown A).

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Hunt, Cogger earn Rovers derby victory

Haverhill Rovers 2 Ely City 0

Premier Division

A STRONG first-half performance gave Haverhill a vital home victory over the 10 men of local rivals Ely City on Saturday.

Rovers strikers Dan Cornwell and Callum Harrison caused the City defence a lot of problems and the hosts took the lead in the 20th minute with a header from Marcus Hunt at the near post.

Rovers scored their second 10 minutes later when Neil Cogger fired home from the left, and things got even worse for City in the 40th minute when Luke Parkinson was sent off for stamping on Cornwell.

Ely improved after the break and forced three good saves out of keeper Elliott Anderson as Nick Impey and Austin Diaper both went close.

Haverhill Rovers 2 Hadleigh Utd 2

Premier Division

DAN Cornwell struck in the closing stages to earn Haverhill a third straight draw against Hadleigh at the New Croft on Boxing Day.

It took Rovers 22 minutes to make the breakthrough, with an



Well beaten: Ely keeper Lee Pacey is powerless to stop Neil Cogger's shot going into the net to put Haverhill 2-0 up.

Picture: David Johnson. SP0884224

unfortunate visiting defender putting through his own goal following a corner from Jack Higgs.

But the lead lasted barely a minute as keeper Elliot Anderson made an initial save, only to see an attacker pounce first to bury the rebound.

And eight minutes before the half-time interval, Hadleigh scored again to lead at the break.

Things got worse for Rovers with nine minutes left when Marc Abbott was dismissed for picking up two

yellow cards, but Cornwell converted a penalty moments later after he had been pulled down.

■ Haverhill saw their seven-game unbeaten run in the league come to an end on Wednesday as they went down 3-2 at Felixstowe & Walton.

The home side scored twice in the opening 11 minutes. Callum Harrison pulled a goal back and Dan Cornwell replied from the penalty spot five minutes from time after the hosts had claimed their third.

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